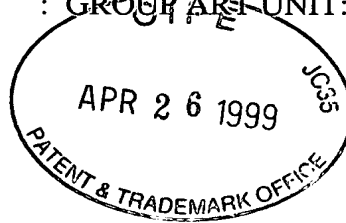


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Responsive to the Official Action mailed March 26, 1999, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-7 for further prosecution.

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REMARKS

The Office has restricted this application as follows under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 1-7; and

Group II: Claims 8-13.

Applicants have elected Group I, Claims 1-7, with traverse.

Restriction is proper only if the inventions of the restricted groups are either independent or patentably distinct, and there is a burden in searching the entire application.

MPEP §803. Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds